

Carolina University baseball team, where he volunteered as a batboy throughout his childhood.

A man of faith, Evan was also deeply involved with the Chester ARP Church. He enjoyed being part of the Senior High Youth, volunteering at Bible School, and attending the annual church mission trip to Appalachia.

In addition to his strong faith and athletic achievements, Evan was a civic-minded individual. For example, Evan was a member of Chester ARP Pack 61, where he earned the highest rank in Cub Scouting, the Arrow of Light. Evan was also a member of Chester ARP Troop 61, where he achieved Life Rank. Evan was working diligently on his Eagle Scout project when he tragically passed away. His grandfather, Terry Tinker, is the Coroner in Chester County, so Evan decided to create a prayer building with an eternal flame and benches honoring the fallen first responders at the Coroner's office. Evan never had a chance to finish his Eagle Project, so his scout brothers completed it in his honor.

Evan was a remarkable young man who humbly served his community well. There is no doubt in my mind that he has left an everlasting mark on Chester County. Evan's heart of gold is deeply missed by all who knew him, but his legacy will shine on for years to come.

HONORING STAFF SERGEANT
DAVID HERSHBERGER

HON. A. DONALD McEACHIN

OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, May 28, 2021

Mr. McEACHIN. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor Staff Sergeant David Hershberger as the 2021 recipient of the inaugural Memorial Day recognition program for the Fourth Congressional District of Virginia.

Staff Sergeant Hershberger died on January 10, 1968, in service of his country while assigned to the 3rd Battalion, 60th Infantry Regiment, 9th Infantry Division during the Vietnam war. Staff Sergeant Hershberger was involved in close combat with an armed hostile force and for his gallantry in action he was posthumously awarded the Silver Star.

Staff Sergeant Hershberger was born in Norfolk, Virginia, on June 10, 1947, the first child of Lloyd and Wilchester Woodley Hershberger (Chester). Along with his siblings Cindy, Patti, and Charles, David relished life in the country. With many aunts, uncles, and cousins nearby, he was rooted in family. The Hershberger family faithfully attended Laurel Avenue Church of Christ in Chesapeake, Virginia, where David attended youth group and was much loved by his church family.

He attended Princess Anne High School in Virginia Beach where he was on the track team. He was particularly adept at running hurdles and was awarded a trophy for Athlete of the Year. He graduated with the class of 1965.

SSG Hershberger enlisted in the United States Army in 1966 and attended his training as an infantryman in Fort Jackson, South Carolina. Dr. James D. Johnson served with SSG Hershberger and said that, "David was a natural leader. Everyone, and I mean everyone, in Company A, 360th Infantry knew him . . . When David spoke, everyone knew to lis-

ten and that whatever he said was straight. He was very energetic, enthusiastic, mature beyond his years and highly respected in everything he did."

It is for these reasons and so many more that I am proud to recognize Staff Sergeant Hershberger as the 2021 recipient of the Fourth Congressional District of Virginia's inaugural Memorial Day recognition program for his selfless service to our Commonwealth and our country.

Madam Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in recognizing Staff Sergeant Hershberger for his devotion to the United States of America and his selflessness while in defense of our country.

IN RECOGNITION OF THE SERVICE
OF COLONEL RANDY SOUTHARD

HON. MIKE GALLAGHER

OF WISCONSIN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, May 28, 2021

Mr. GALLAGHER. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor Colonel Randy Southard. Serving in both the Reserves and Active Duty in the Army, and as a patrol deputy for the Outagamie County Sheriff's Office, Colonel Southard is an asset to his community and to his Nation.

During his nearly 30 years of military service, Colonel Southard took on several leadership positions as an infantry officer and commander. He served as the primary staff officer of five large Army Reserve units, Deputy Brigade Commander and Exercise Branch Chief for 1st Brigade, Great Lakes Training Division, 75th Training Command, and Chief Observer Controller Trainer for 15 Battalion and higher echelon units. During Colonel Southard's service he completed tours overseas in Kabul, Afghanistan as Deputy Chief, Afghanistan National Army Development, providing crucial support to the United Nations Security Council's International Security Assistance Force Joint Command.

Amidst his deployments and hard work in the Army, he continued serving Northeast Wisconsin as a patrol deputy in the Outagamie County Sheriff's Office. Beginning his career with the Outagamie County Sheriff's Office on June 7, 1999 Colonel Southard has served as a Field Training Officer, as a member of the Emergency Response SWAT team, and as a K9 handler. Colonel Southard has clearly demonstrated his commitment to serving for the public good and making the world around him a safer place during his 22 year career.

I am incredibly thankful for his dedication and continued service with the Sheriff's Office.

Madam Speaker, I urge all Members of this body to join me in applauding Colonel Southard for his impressive career and service in the United States Army.

RECOGNIZING DR. PAMELA WHITTEN FOR HER SERVICE AS PRESIDENT OF KENNESAW STATE UNIVERSITY

HON. BARRY LOUDERMILK

OF GEORGIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, May 28, 2021

Mr. LOUDERMILK. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize the outgoing President of Kennesaw State University, Dr. Pamela Whitten. After serving as the Senior Vice President for Academic Affairs and Provost at the University of Georgia from February to June 2018, the Board of Regents of the University System of Georgia selected Dr. Whitten to lead one of Georgia's top universities.

During her tenure, Kennesaw State University has experienced record enrollment growth, stronger research capacity, and a more beneficial student experience. In response to COVID-19, President Whitten challenged KSU's faculty, staff, and administrators to prioritize student health and maintain academic excellence in innovative ways, even during a pandemic. Under her leadership, the university became a leading example of remote learning and established a COVID testing site on campus for the region.

I thank President Whitten for her friendship, her leadership of Kennesaw State University, and am grateful for her dedication to all who call themselves KSU Owls. I wish her the best as she becomes the next President of Indiana University.

RECOGNIZING ACHIEVEMENTS OF
BRAD HICKS

HON. CLIFF BENTZ

OF OREGON

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, May 28, 2021

Mr. BENTZ. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize the achievements of Brad Hicks, who retires on June 30, 2021, after working nearly 28 years with The Chamber of Medford & Jackson County, serving as its President and Chief Executive Officer for 21 of those years.

Brad was raised in Grants Pass, Oregon, and graduated from North Valley High School in 1983, where he served as Class President. Brad attended Southern Oregon University, graduating with a bachelor's degree in Political Science in 1987, and then worked with members in the Oregon State Legislature and the United States Congress for nearly five years. In 1993, Brad returned to the Rogue Valley, beginning his career in chamber management as the Membership Director for The Chamber of Medford & Jackson County. In 1999, Brad took leadership of The Chamber as its President and CEO.

As leader of The Chamber, Brad's experience in government helped him develop a unique strategy focused on encouraging competition among small businesses, limiting their tax burden, and promoting highly qualified workers. Brad also raised serious questions about how businesses were expected to thrive while government was failing to capitalize on Oregon's economic advantages. He also focused The Chamber's attention on issues